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SUBJECT: (S) SINGAPORE-NORTH KOREA MACHINE TOOL DEMARCHE
PROVOKES QUESTIONS

REF: STATE 196624

Classified By: E/P Counselor for reasons 1.4(c) and (d)

¶1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

¶2. (SBU) E/P Counselor and Econoff on December 13 delivered reftel talking points to Michelle Teo-Jacob and Yvonne Ow of MFA's International Organizations Directorate. Teo-Jacob and Ow were receptive, and said they would pass the information to the Inter-Ministerial Export Control Group. Teo-Jacob also apologized for the delay in responding to similar requests and told us the appropriate agencies were still working on the cases.

¶3. (SBU) In a follow-up telephone call, Ow requested that the USG provide technical specifications for the equipment in question. She also asked for background information about the Iran-North Korea-Syria Nonproliferation Act and the sanctions that could result from this activity.

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